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SPECIAL OLYMPICS COLORADO HOSTS 2008 SUMMER GAMES AT UNC Year's largest competition attracts 1,900 athletes and supporters

More than 1,900 Special Olympics athletes, volunteers, coaches and other supporters from across Colorado will meet at the University of Northern Colorado and two other northeast locations for the **Special Olympics Colorado 2008 Summer Games, Saturday May 31-Sunday June 1, 2008**. Athletes will compete in the sports of aquatics, athletics (track & field), gymnastics, powerlifting and soccer.

WHO: Special Olympics athletes, Unified Sports® partners, coaches, volunteers and families from across Colorado. The public is invited to attend all competitions and Opening Ceremonies. Admission is free.

WHAT: Close to 800 Special Olympics athletes will compete in the following events:

- **Aquatics** (events ranging from 10 to 400 meter and relays)
- **Athletics** (running, jumping, throwing, wheelchair events, relays)
- **Gymnastics** (artistic and rhythmic events)
- **Powerlifting** (bench, dead and squat lifts)
- **Soccer** (team competition and individual skills competition)

WHEN and WHERE:

COMPETITION

- Saturday, May 31, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., and Sunday, June 1, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- **Aquatics** at Mountain View Aquatics Center, 3500 Mountain Lion Dr., Loveland, CO 80537
- **Athletics** at Nottingham Field, UNC
- **Gymnastics** at Windsor Gymnastics Academy, 687 Academy Ct., Windsor, CO 80550
- **Powerlifting** at Butler-Hancock Hall, UNC
- **Soccer** at Doubenmeir Field, UNC

OPENING CEREMONIES

- 6:30 p.m., Saturday, May 31, 2008
- Nottingham Field, UNC

WHY: Summer Games brings together athletes from across Colorado for a weekend of competition and camaraderie, providing them the opportunity to showcase their skills, talents and determination. Their stories are inspirational, and the self-confidence and self-esteem they gain from training and competing in Special Olympics are priceless.

Special Olympics Colorado provides children and adults with intellectual disabilities continuing opportunities to realize their potential, develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, and experience joy and friendship. There is no cost to participate.

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